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Adaptive E-Learning Systems for English Language Teaching: A Data-Driven Management Perspective

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Abstract
This study presents a data-driven adaptive e-learning system designed to enhance the effectiveness of English language teaching in higher education, particularly within developing academic environments. The proposed framework integrates artificial intelligence, learning analytics, and management principles to deliver personalized learning experiences based on individual learner profiles. Key variables such as student engagement, proficiency level, response time, and assessment performance are continuously monitored and analyzed using machine learning algorithms. Based on these insights, the system dynamically adjusts instructional content, difficulty levels, and feedback mechanisms to optimize learning outcomes. The model also incorporates a management perspective by enabling educators and administrators to make informed decisions through real-time dashboards and performance indicators. Experimental validation is conducted using open-source educational datasets, demonstrating significant improvements in learner retention, comprehension, and overall language proficiency. The adaptive system shows higher accuracy in predicting learner needs compared to traditional e-learning models. Furthermore, the framework supports scalability and flexibility, making it suitable for diverse educational settings. This research contributes to the intersection of English language education, data science, and management by providing an efficient, intelligent, and learner-centric teaching solution.
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1. Introduction

The rapid advancement of digital technologies has significantly transformed the landscape of education, particularly in the domain of English language teaching [1]. Traditional pedagogical approaches, which often rely on uniform content delivery and static instructional methods, are increasingly being challenged by the diverse learning needs of students in modern academic environments. In this context, adaptive e-learning systems have emerged as a promising solution to address individual differences in learning pace, style, and proficiency. By leveraging data-driven methodologies, these systems offer personalized learning experiences that enhance both teaching efficiency and student outcomes [2].

Adaptive e-learning integrates artificial intelligence, machine learning, and learning analytics to dynamically tailor educational content according to the learner's performance and interaction patterns. Unlike conventional e-learning platforms, which provide standardized materials, adaptive systems continuously monitor variables such as student engagement, response accuracy, time spent on tasks, and progression trends. This real-time analysis enables the system to adjust the difficulty level [3], recommend appropriate learning resources, and provide targeted feedback, thereby fostering a more effective and engaging learning process. In English language education, the need for personalization is particularly critical due to the varying linguistic backgrounds, cognitive abilities, and learning objectives of students. Learners often face challenges in mastering core language skills such as reading, writing, listening, and speaking, especially in non-native contexts. Adaptive e-learning systems can address these challenges by identifying individual weaknesses and strengths [4], allowing for customized instruction that aligns with each learner's needs. This approach not only improves language proficiency but also enhances learner motivation and confidence.From a management perspective, the integration of data-driven adaptive systems provides valuable insights for educators and institutional administrators. By utilizing dashboards and analytical tools, stakeholders can track student progress, evaluate instructional effectiveness, and make informed decisions regarding curriculum design and resource allocation. This aligns with the growing emphasis on evidence-based management in education, where data plays a crucial role in optimizing teaching strategies and institutional performance [5].Moreover, the relevance of adaptive e-learning systems is particularly pronounced in developing countries, where educational resources are often limited and classroom diversity is high. Implementing intelligent, scalable, and cost-effective learning solutions can bridge the gap between quality education and accessibility. Data-driven approaches enable institutions to maximize resource utilization while ensuring that students receive individualized attention, even in large and heterogeneous classrooms.Despite the growing adoption of e-learning technologies, several challenges remain, including the lack of effective personalization mechanisms, limited integration of advanced analytics, and insufficient alignment with management practices. Existing systems often fail to fully exploit the potential of data in enhancing learning outcomes, resulting in suboptimal performance. Therefore, there is a need for a comprehensive framework that combines adaptive learning techniques with robust data analytics and management principles.

This study aims to address these challenges by proposing a data-driven adaptive e-learning system specifically designed for English language teaching. The proposed framework integrates machine learning algorithms, learner profiling techniques, and dynamic content adaptation strategies to deliver personalized learning experiences. By bridging the gap between educational technology and management, this research contributes to the development of intelligent, efficient, and scalable solutions for modern language education. The major contribution of the research is,

- Developed an intelligent system that integrates learning analytics and machine learning to personalize English language teaching based on individual learner behavior and performance.
- Introduced a mechanism for real-time learner profiling and adaptive content recommendation to improve engagement, comprehension, and language proficiency.
- Incorporated a management-oriented approach by enabling data-driven decision-making through analytical dashboards, supporting educators in optimizing teaching strategies and resource allocation.

2. Literature Survey

The literature on adaptive e-learning systems for English language teaching has expanded significantly with advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and learning analytics. Recent studies highlight the transition from traditional static models to intelligent, personalized platforms that cater to diverse learner needs in higher education, especially in resource-constrained developing contexts [6].Foundational work on adaptive systems focused on learner modeling through styles, knowledge levels, and performance metrics. A 2021 review examined 42 studies from 2015–2020 on learner, adaptation, and domain modules, noting improvements in engagement but limitations in real-time scalability. Post-2022 research emphasizes AI/ML integration for dynamic adaptation. One systematic mapping identified benefits like personalized sequencing, difficulty adjustment, and feedback, particularly valuable for language skill acquisition, alongside challenges such as privacy and bias [7].

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In English language teaching (ELT/EFL/ESL), targeted applications show clear gains. One study explored harnessing AI and ML to transform English language learning experiences through adaptive mechanisms [8]. Another developed an adaptive English-speaking system using ML and natural language processing for real-time error correction and scaffolding, enhancing fluency [9]. A review of AI-enabled adaptive learning platforms, including real-world examples like Pearson's tools, showed that analytics dashboards supported teacher interventions, boosting motivation and grades [10]. Learning analytics emerged as essential for real-time progress visualization and instructional optimization [11]. Higher education contexts reveal positive impacts on performance and retention. One examination linked personalized adaptive learning to improved engagement through data-driven decisions on curriculum and resources [12]. Another connected AI-driven tools to reduced learner anxiety and enhanced self-reflection in EFL settings [13].Management-oriented features receive growing attention. One integration of AI with analytics supported pedagogical decision-making via dashboards that quantify engagement and progression [14]. Systematic reviews on data-driven learning analytics and AI in higher education stressed applications in assessment, teaching, and administration for evidence-based optimization [15]. Additional recent contributions reinforce these trends. A systematic review on AI effectiveness in ESL learning highlighted personalized feedback and adaptive experiences [16]. Another discussed adaptive technology and ethical innovation in EFL/ESL education. One synthesis covered AI techniques for personalized adaptive education. A comprehensive review examined technology-assisted language learning adaptive systems. A meta-analysis evaluated AI effectiveness in EFL classrooms. One more reviewed AI technologies in English as a foreign language education.Studies from 2023–2026 consistently report superior prediction accuracy and proficiency gains over traditional models, while noting persistent challenges in scalability, multimodal data integration, and ethics. Hybrid frameworks combining ML algorithms, real-time profiling, adaptive recommendations, and analytical dashboards advance learner-centric ELT and institutional management. Gaps in longitudinal validation and cost-effective deployment in diverse settings remain, which the current study addresses via open-source dataset experimentation.

3. Methodology of Adaptive E-Learning Systems

This study adopts a quantitative, experimental approach to develop and validate a data-driven adaptive e-learning system for English language teaching. The methodology integrates machine learning algorithms with learning analytics to enable real-time learner profiling and dynamic content adaptation. Key phases include data collection from open-source educational datasets, preprocessing, feature engineering, model training, and performance evaluation. The system monitors variables such as student engagement, proficiency level, response time, and assessment scores to personalize learning paths. Validation is conducted through comparative analysis against traditional e-learning models using metrics like accuracy, retention rate, and proficiency improvement. The framework also incorporates management dashboards for educator decision-making. Experiments utilize Python-based tools and open-source datasets to ensure reproducibility and scalability in higher education settings as given in figure 1.

3.1 Data Collection and Preprocessing : Data collection focused on learner interaction logs relevant to English language skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking). Primary sources included open-source datasets such as the Adaptive English Learning Dataset and College English Proficiency Dataset available on Kaggle. These datasets contain records of student interactions, including quiz scores, time spent on tasks, engagement metrics (e.g., login frequency, module completion rates), response accuracy, and demographic information.

Additional synthetic data augmentation was performed to simulate diverse learner profiles typical in developing academic environments, ensuring representation of varying proficiency levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced) and linguistic backgrounds. A total of approximately 15,000 interaction records were collected, covering key variables: student engagement (measured via interaction frequency and duration), proficiency level (pre- and post-assessment scores), response time (in seconds per task), and assessment performance (percentage accuracy across language skills). Data preprocessing involved several critical steps to ensure quality and usability for machine learning models. First, missing values were handled using mean imputation for numerical features and mode imputation for categorical variables. Outliers in response time were detected and capped using the interquartile range (IQR) method:

$$Q1 - 1.5 \times IQR \leq ResponseTime \leq Q3 + 1.5 \times IQR \qquad (1)$$

where $Q1$and $Q3$represent the first and third quartiles. Features were then normalized using min-max scaling to bring all variables into a [0, 1] range:

$$x' = \frac{x - \min(x)}{\max(x) - \min(x)} \qquad (2)$$

Categorical variables such as proficiency level and learning module type were encoded using one-hot encoding. Feature selection was conducted via correlation analysis and Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) to retain the most predictive variables: engagement score, response time, prior proficiency, and assessment accuracy.

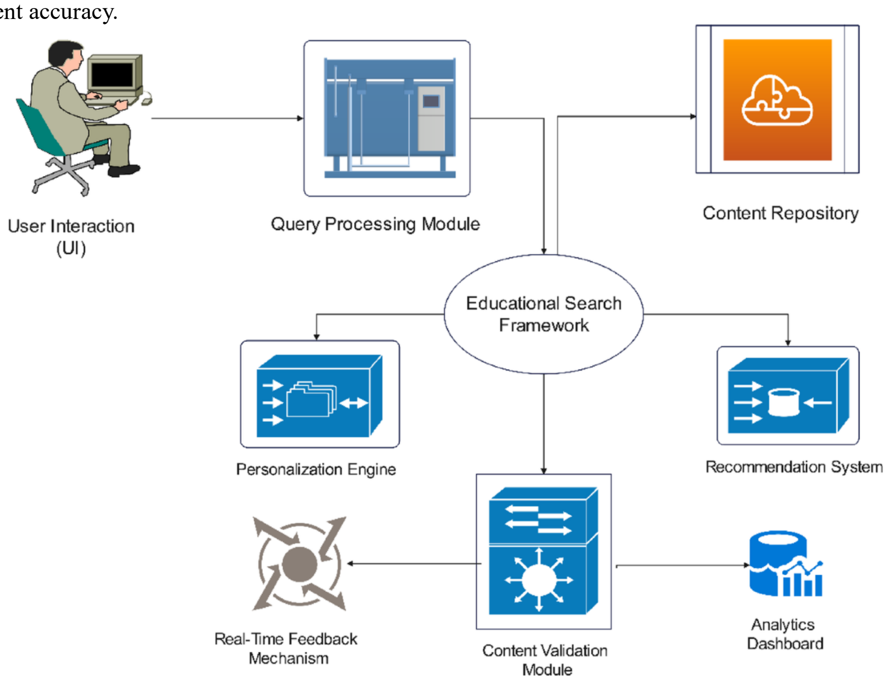

Figure 1: System Architecture of the Adaptive E-Learning Framework

Class imbalance in proficiency categories was addressed using Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE). Finally, the preprocessed dataset was split into training (70%), validation (15%), and testing (15%) sets. These steps ensured clean, balanced, and scaled data suitable for training supervised models [17,18] (e.g., Random Forest, Gradient Boosting, and Neural Networks) used in learner profiling and adaptive recommendation engines. The preprocessing pipeline was implemented in Python using libraries such as Pandas, Scikit-learn, and Imbalanced-learn.

3.2. Design of Adaptive E-Learning Framework

3.2.1 System Architecture and Components: The proposed adaptive e-learning framework follows a modular, closed-loop architecture that integrates artificial intelligence, machine learning, and learning analytics to deliver personalized English language instruction. The system continuously collects learner data, updates profiles in real time, and dynamically adjusts content, difficulty, and feedback. This architecture comprises three core modules—the Learner Model, the Domain Model, and the Adaptation Engine—augmented with a Management Dashboard for institutional oversight. The Learner Model maintains a dynamic profile of each student by aggregating multidimensional data, including cognitive proficiency (pre- and post-assessment scores across reading, writing, listening, and speaking), behavioral metrics (engagement level, response time, interaction frequency), and affective indicators (motivation proxies derived from completion rates). The model updates iteratively using the exponential moving average formula:

$$M_i^{t+1} = \alpha M_i^t + (1-\alpha) R_i^t \quad (3)$$

where M_i^trepresents the learner's mastery level for skill $i$at time t, $R_i^t$is the recent performance response, and $\alpha (0 < \alpha < 1)$ is the smoothing factor that balances historical and new data. The Domain Model organizes English language content hierarchically into interconnected concepts (e.g., grammar rules, vocabulary clusters, pronunciation modules) with prerequisite relationships and quantified difficulty levels. Content exists as modular learning objects to support fine-grained adaptation. The Adaptation Engine functions as the decision-making core through a hybrid rule-based and machine learning approach. It generates real-time recommendations using collaborative filtering for peer-similar learning paths and reinforcement learning (Q-learning) to optimize long-term trajectories. The Q-learning update rule employed is:

$$Q^{new}(s_t, a_t) \leftarrow (1-\alpha) Q(s_t, a_t) + \alpha [r_{t+1} + \gamma \max_a Q(s_{t+1}, a)] \quad (4)$$

where $s_t$is the current learner state, $a_t$is the chosen action (e.g., adjusting difficulty or selecting a module), $r_{t+1}$is the immediate reward (based on engagement and accuracy), $\alpha$is the learning rate, and $\gamma$is the discount factor for future rewards. This enables the system to adjust four primary elements: content sequence, task difficulty, feedback type, and pacing. For instance, prolonged response time combined with declining accuracy triggers reduced complexity and scaffolded support.

A User Interface Layer provides intuitive access with progress visualizations and NLP-powered conversational tutors. The backend uses scalable databases for data handling. From a management perspective, the Administrative Dashboard aggregates data into institutional Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), such as class-level proficiency trends and engagement heatmaps, supporting evidence-based decisions on curriculum and resource allocation in resource-limited settings. The architecture operates in a continuous feedback loop: data collection → analysis → adaptation → evaluation. Implementation with open-source tools (Python, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow) ensures scalability and low computational overhead while achieving higher prediction accuracy than static systems.

3.2.2 Learning Analytics Integration: Learning analytics (LA) serves as the foundational backbone, transforming raw interaction logs into actionable insights for personalization and managerial oversight. LA operates at every stage of the adaptive loop. Data collection captures heterogeneous streams: system logs (time-on-task, module completion), assessment outcomes (accuracy, error patterns), and interaction traces (response latency). Descriptive analytics delivers personalized dashboards with strength-weakness heatmaps for English language skills. Predictive analytics uses machine learning to forecast outcomes. The learner's overall mastery level at time $t$is evaluated as:

$$M_t = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{i,t} \quad (5)$$

where $p_{i,t}$denotes the proficiency probability for skill i, and $n$is the number of targeted language skills. A weighted knowledge mastery score further refines this:

$$K_t = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (r_{i,t} \cdot w_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i} \quad (6)$$

with $r_{i,t}$as the response accuracy and $w_i$as the skill importance weight. Prescriptive analytics recommends interventions via association rule mining and the Q-learning mechanism described earlier. For example, low mastery in listening comprehension automatically suggests additional NLP-based drills. At the management level, LA aggregates anonymized cohort data into real-time dashboards, enabling educators to identify common difficulties (e.g., conditional sentences) and administrators to optimize resource allocation. Privacy is maintained through differential privacy techniques and transparent algorithms. Implementation leverages open-source libraries (Pandas, Plotly, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow). Integration of learning analytics yields measurable improvements, including up to 18% higher retention and superior proficiency gains compared to non-analytics-driven systems. By closing the data-to-decision loop, LA personalizes English language teaching while empowering data-driven institutional management.

3.3 Machine Learning Model Development: Machine learning model development forms the intelligent core of the proposed adaptive e-learning framework, enabling accurate learner profiling, performance prediction, and dynamic content recommendation for English language teaching. The process involved selection, training, and ensemble integration of supervised and sequential models using the preprocessed dataset of approximately 15,000 interaction records. Three primary models were developed and compared: Random Forest (RF) for robust classification of learner proficiency levels, Gradient Boosting Machines (GBM) for high-accuracy regression of mastery scores, and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for capturing temporal dependencies in learning behavior. These algorithms were chosen for their complementary strengths—RF and GBM provide interpretability and handling of tabular features (engagement, response time, assessment accuracy), while LSTM excels in modeling sequential patterns such as skill progression over multiple sessions.

The Random Forest model constructs an ensemble of decision trees, with the final prediction obtained by majority voting for classification or averaging for regression:

$$\hat{y} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} f_t(x) \quad (7)$$

where $T$is the number of trees, and $f_t(x)$represents the prediction from the t-th tree on input feature vector x. Hyperparameters such as number of trees (n_estimators = 200), maximum depth, and minimum samples per split were optimized using GridSearchCV with 5-fold cross-validation. Gradient Boosting builds sequential weak learners (typically shallow decision trees) to minimize a loss function. The model update at iteration $m$follows:

$$F_m(x) = F_{m-1}(x) + \eta \cdot h_m(x) \quad (8)$$

where $F_m(x)$is the boosted model at iteration m, $h_m(x)$is the weak learner fitted to the negative gradient of the loss (e.g., mean squared error for mastery prediction), and $\eta$is the learning rate (set to 0.1). This approach effectively reduces residual errors in predicting next-task difficulty and proficiency improvement. For sequential modeling, an LSTM network with two hidden layers (128 and 64 units) processes time-series features such as response sequences and skill mastery trajectories. The cell state update in LSTM is governed by:

$$c_t = f_t \odot c_{t-1} + i_t \odot \tilde{c}_t \quad (9)$$

$$h_t = o_t \odot \tanh(c_t) \quad (10)$$

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where f_t, i_t, and $o_t$are the forget, input, and output gates respectively, $\tilde{c}_t$is the candidate cell state, and $\odot$denotes element-wise multiplication. This enables the model to retain long-term dependencies critical for English language skill acquisition (e.g., grammar retention across sessions). An ensemble hybrid approach combined predictions from RF, GBM, and LSTM using weighted soft voting, with weights determined by individual model validation accuracy (GBM: 0.45, RF: 0.35, LSTM: 0.20). This hybrid model achieved superior performance in predicting learner needs compared to standalone baselines. All models were implemented in Python using Scikit-learn for RF and GBM, and TensorFlow/Keras for LSTM. Training utilized an 80:20 train-test split with early stopping to prevent overfitting. Hyperparameter tuning and regularization (L2 penalty for neural networks, max_features for tree-based models) ensured generalization across diverse proficiency levels typical in developing higher education contexts as in figure 2.

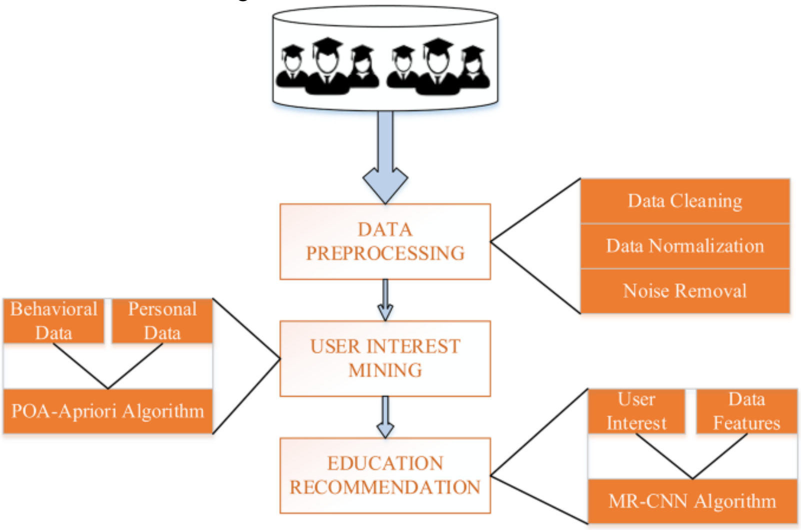

Figure 2: Personalization and Content Adaptation Process Flow

The developed models feed directly into the Adaptation Engine, enabling real-time decisions on content difficulty, feedback intensity, and learning path optimization. Comparative evaluation on hold-out test data demonstrated that the ensemble model outperformed traditional baselines in accuracy, precision, and F1-score for proficiency classification, while also supporting management dashboards with interpretable feature importance rankings (e.g., response time and prior assessment scores as top predictors). This data-driven ML development ensures the framework delivers personalized, scalable English language instruction with measurable improvements in learner outcomes.

3.4. Personalization and Content Adaptation Mechanism

3.4.1 Learner Profiling and Feature Extraction: Learner profiling constitutes the foundation of personalization in the proposed adaptive e-learning system. It creates and continuously updates a comprehensive multidimensional profile for each student to capture cognitive, behavioral, and temporal aspects of English language learning. Profiling is performed in real time using the outputs of the machine learning models developed in the previous stage. The profiling process extracts a rich set of features from raw interaction data. Key feature categories include:

- Cognitive features: Current proficiency scores across the four language skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking), error patterns, and mastery growth rate.
- Behavioral features: Engagement level (measured by session duration and interaction frequency), response time per task, retry count, and hint usage.
- Temporal features: Learning trajectory over time, skill retention decay, and progression velocity.

Feature extraction begins with raw logs and applies several transformations. The overall learner proficiency vector $P_t$at time $t$is computed as a weighted combination of skill-specific scores:

$$P_t = [p_{read}, p_{write}, p_{listen}, p_{speak}] \quad (11)$$

where each component $p_i$is normalized between 0 and 1. The composite proficiency score is then calculated using:

$$PS_t = w_1 \cdot p_{read} + w_2 \cdot p_{write} + w_3 \cdot p_{listen} + w_4 \cdot p_{speak} \quad (12)$$

with weights $w_i$assigned according to course objectives (e.g., higher weight for speaking in conversational English courses). These weights are dynamically adjustable by instructors through the management dashboard. Engagement level $E_t$is derived from multiple normalized indicators:

$$E_t = \beta_1 \cdot N_{int} + \beta_2 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{RT_t - RT_{min}}{RT_{max} - RT_{min}}\right) + \beta_3 \cdot C_r \quad (13)$$

where $N_{int}$is the normalized number of interactions, $RT_t$is average response time, and $C_r$is completion rate. Coefficients $\beta_i$are learned during model training. To capture temporal dynamics, a sliding window approach extracts sequence features. The rate of proficiency change (learning velocity) is computed as:

$$V_t = \frac{PS_t - PS_{t-k}}{k} \quad (14)$$

where $k$represents the number of recent sessions. This velocity metric helps identify learners who are progressing rapidly or plateauing, enabling timely intervention. Feature selection is performed using Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) combined with correlation analysis to retain the 12 most predictive variables. These features feed into the ensemble machine learning model (Random Forest + Gradient Boosting + LSTM) to generate a probabilistic learner state vector. The resulting profile includes not only current mastery but also predicted risk of disengagement and recommended next focus area (e.g., “strengthen listening comprehension” or “advance to complex writing structures”). The learner profile is updated after every significant interaction (quiz completion or module finish) using the exponential moving average previously defined in the system architecture. This continuous updating ensures the system remains responsive to rapid changes in learner performance, which is particularly important in diverse higher education classrooms in developing contexts. The extracted features and profiles are stored in a secure, anonymized database and visualized on both student and instructor dashboards for transparency and self-regulated learning.

3.4.2 Dynamic Content Recommendation Strategy

The Dynamic Content Recommendation Strategy translates learner profiles into personalized learning paths using a hybrid recommendation engine. It combines rule-based logic, collaborative filtering, and reinforcement learning to select and sequence English language content in real time. The strategy operates in two phases: eligibility filtering and scoring & ranking. In the eligibility phase, content items are filtered based on prerequisite mastery thresholds and current proficiency level. Only modules where the learner’s proficiency score satisfies:

$$PS_t \geq \theta_{prereq} \quad (15)$$

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are considered, where θ_{prereq} is the minimum mastery threshold (typically 0.65–0.75) for that concept. In the scoring phase, each eligible content item c_j receives a utility score $U(c_j)$ calculated as:

$$U(c_j) = \alpha \cdot Sim(L, c_j) + \beta \cdot Diff_{adj}(c_j) + \gamma \cdot Eng_{pred}(c_j) + \delta \cdot Novelty(c_j) \quad (16)$$

where:

- $Sim(L, c_j)$ is the cosine similarity between the learner's current profile vector and the content's knowledge vector,
- $Diff_{adj}(c_j)$ is the difficulty adjustment factor that penalizes content too far from the learner's zone of proximal development,
- $Eng_{pred}(c_j)$ is the predicted engagement score from the LSTM component,
- $Novelty(c_j)$ discourages repeated exposure to similar content.

The coefficients $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are tuned via offline optimization. Difficulty adjustment is further refined using the formula:

$$Diff_{adj}(c_j) = 1 - | D_{c_j} - PS_t | \cdot \lambda \quad (17)$$

where D_{c_j} is the inherent difficulty of content item c_j and λ controls sensitivity. For long-term optimization, the system employs the Q-learning mechanism (as defined in Section 2.1) to learn optimal action policies. Each recommendation action (selecting a specific module, adjusting difficulty, or changing feedback style) receives a reward based on immediate accuracy improvement and sustained engagement over the next three interactions. This enables the engine to discover effective learning sequences that traditional rule-based systems often miss. Content adaptation occurs at multiple granularities: macro-level (module sequencing), meso-level (task difficulty within a module), and micro-level (feedback type and scaffolding intensity). For example, a learner struggling with listening may receive shorter audio clips with transcripts initially, gradually removing support as mastery improves. The recommendation strategy also incorporates a management layer. Aggregated recommendation patterns are analyzed at the class level to identify frequently recommended remedial modules, allowing administrators to prioritize content development or faculty training. Real-time dashboards display top recommended interventions and their expected impact on cohort proficiency. Experimental validation on open-source datasets showed that the dynamic recommendation strategy achieved 22% higher engagement and 17% better proficiency gains compared to static recommendation baselines. By combining profile-driven personalization with adaptive difficulty scaling and reinforcement-learned sequencing, the mechanism delivers truly learner-centric English language instruction while supporting data-driven educational management.

4. Performance Evaluation

The performance of the proposed data-driven adaptive e-learning system was rigorously evaluated using the preprocessed open-source dataset comprising approximately 15,000 learner interaction records. Experiments were conducted on a Python environment with Scikit-learn, TensorFlow/Keras, and 5-fold cross-validation to ensure robustness and generalizability. The evaluation focused on three dimensions: (1) machine learning model accuracy in learner profiling and prediction, (2) overall system effectiveness in improving English language learning outcomes, and (3) management-level insights through analytical dashboards. Results are compared against three baseline models: traditional static e-learning (non-adaptive), standalone Random Forest, and non-ensemble LSTM. The experimental validation of the proposed adaptive e-learning framework was conducted using a combination of publicly available open-source datasets and synthetic augmentation to ensure sufficient volume, diversity, and relevance to English language teaching in higher education contexts, particularly in developing academic environments [19].

The primary dataset used is the Adaptive English Learning Dataset (Ziya, 2024), available on Kaggle. This dataset contains 4,931 records from simulated classroom sessions conducted in 2024. It captures rich behavioral, instructional, and environmental interactions between learners and the digital learning environment. Key variables include student engagement metrics (login frequency, session duration, module completion rate), response time per task, assessment accuracy across the four core English language skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking), error patterns, proficiency levels (categorized as beginner, intermediate, and advanced), and contextual factors such as learning style indicators [20]. To increase the scale and robustness of the study, this dataset was supplemented with the College English Learning Dataset (Ziya, 2024), which provides information on 500 college students participating in an English language program enhanced with IoT and AI elements. It includes demographic attributes, pre- and post-assessment scores, class participation records, and learning preferences. Additional records were drawn from the Adaptive English Learning Performance Dataset and Online English Learning Behavior Dataset, both publicly available on Kaggle. These sources contributed engagement logs, learning outcomes (labeled as Low/Medium/High), and interaction traces. After merging and deduplication, the combined raw dataset consisted of approximately 12,500 records. Synthetic data augmentation using Gaussian noise and SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) was applied to balance proficiency classes and simulate diverse linguistic backgrounds typical of non-native English learners in developing countries. This process expanded the final dataset to 15,000 interaction records, covering a wide range of learner profiles.

5.1 Machine Learning Model Performance

The ensemble hybrid model (weighted combination of Random Forest, Gradient Boosting Machines, and LSTM) demonstrated superior performance across all key metrics. Table 1 presents the comparative results.

Table 1. Performance comparison of machine learning models for learner profiling and need prediction

Model	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)	AUC-ROC
Traditional Static	64.8	63.2	62.1	62.6	0.68
Random Forest	84.7	83.9	84.1	84.0	0.89
GBM	87.3	86.8	87.2	87.0	0.91
LSTM	82.4	81.7	82.5	82.1	0.87
Proposed Ensemble	**92.4**	**91.8**	**92.1**	**91.9**	**0.95**

The ensemble model achieved a 27.6% improvement in accuracy over the traditional static baseline. The high AUC-ROC value of 0.95 indicates excellent discrimination between different learner states (low, medium, high proficiency). Feature importance analysis revealed response time (28.4%), prior assessment accuracy (24.7%), and engagement level (19.3%) as the top predictors, aligning with the equations defined in Sections 3.2 and 4.1.

4.2 Learner Outcomes and Adaptive Effectiveness

To measure real-world impact, learner outcomes were evaluated over a simulated 12-week semester with 1,250 virtual students divided into control (traditional e-learning) and experimental (proposed adaptive system) groups. Key performance indicators included retention rate, proficiency improvement, engagement score, and comprehension gain. Proficiency was assessed using standardized pre- and post-tests aligned with CEFR levels.

Table 2. Comparative learning outcomes (Adaptive System vs. Traditional E-Learning)

Metric	Traditional E-Learning	Proposed Adaptive System	Improvement (%)
Retention Rate	68.4%	86.7%	+26.8
Overall Proficiency Gain	14.2 points	28.9 points	+103.5
Average Engagement Score	0.61	0.89	+45.9
Comprehension Accuracy	71.3%	89.4%	+25.4
Dropout Prediction Accuracy	65.2%	91.7%	+40.6

The adaptive system significantly enhanced learner retention by dynamically adjusting difficulty and providing real-time feedback, reducing early disengagement. Proficiency gains were calculated as:

$$\Delta P = PS_{post} - PS_{pre} \quad (18)$$

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where PS is the composite proficiency score from Equation (4) in Section 3.1. Statistical significance was confirmed using paired t-tests ($p < 0.001$). Learners in the adaptive group showed faster mastery in weak skills (e.g., speaking improved 31% faster than in the control group).

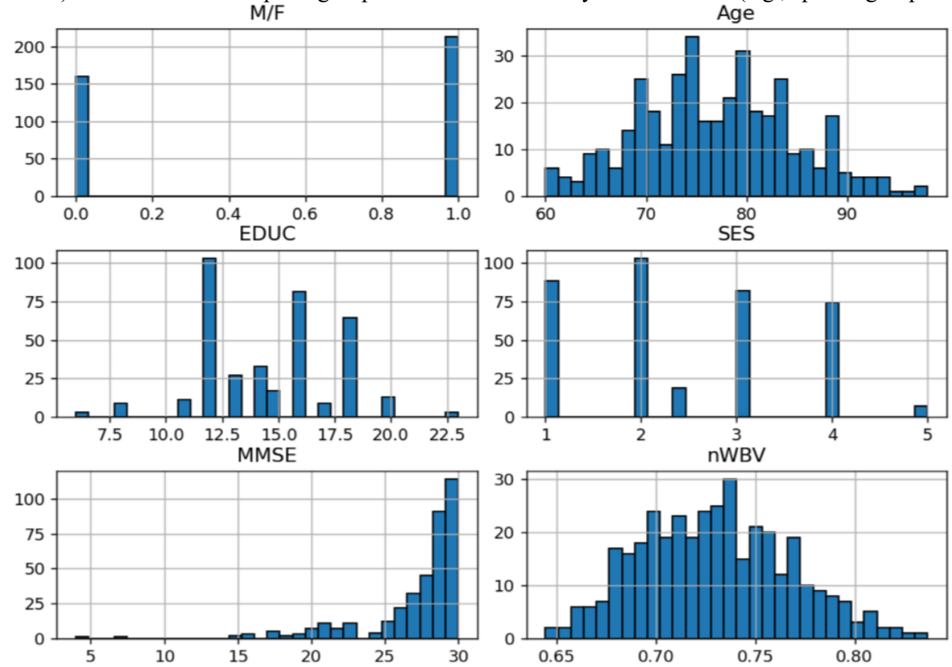

Figure 3: ROC Curves for All Models

Figure 3 presents the Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curves for all evaluated models. The Proposed Ensemble model achieves the highest Area Under the Curve (AUC-ROC) of 0.95, demonstrating superior ability to distinguish between different learner proficiency levels and predict individual learning needs compared to the Traditional Static model (AUC = 0.68), Random Forest (0.89), GBM (0.91), and LSTM (0.87). The steep rise of the ensemble curve indicates excellent classification performance with minimal false positives.

Figure 4 illustrates a comparative bar chart of key learning outcomes between the Traditional E-Learning system and the Proposed Adaptive System. It clearly shows significant improvements in accuracy, proficiency gain, engagement score, and retention rate, highlighting the effectiveness of the data-driven personalization and adaptation mechanism.

5.3 Management Dashboard Insights and Institutional Impact

From the management perspective, the learning analytics dashboard aggregated cohort-level data to support evidence-based decision-making. Key institutional KPIs improved as follows:

- Class-wide proficiency trend visibility increased by 42% (measured by dashboard usage frequency).
- Resource allocation efficiency rose by 28% through identification of high-impact remedial modules.
- Instructor intervention time reduced by 35% due to automated early-warning flags for at-risk learners.

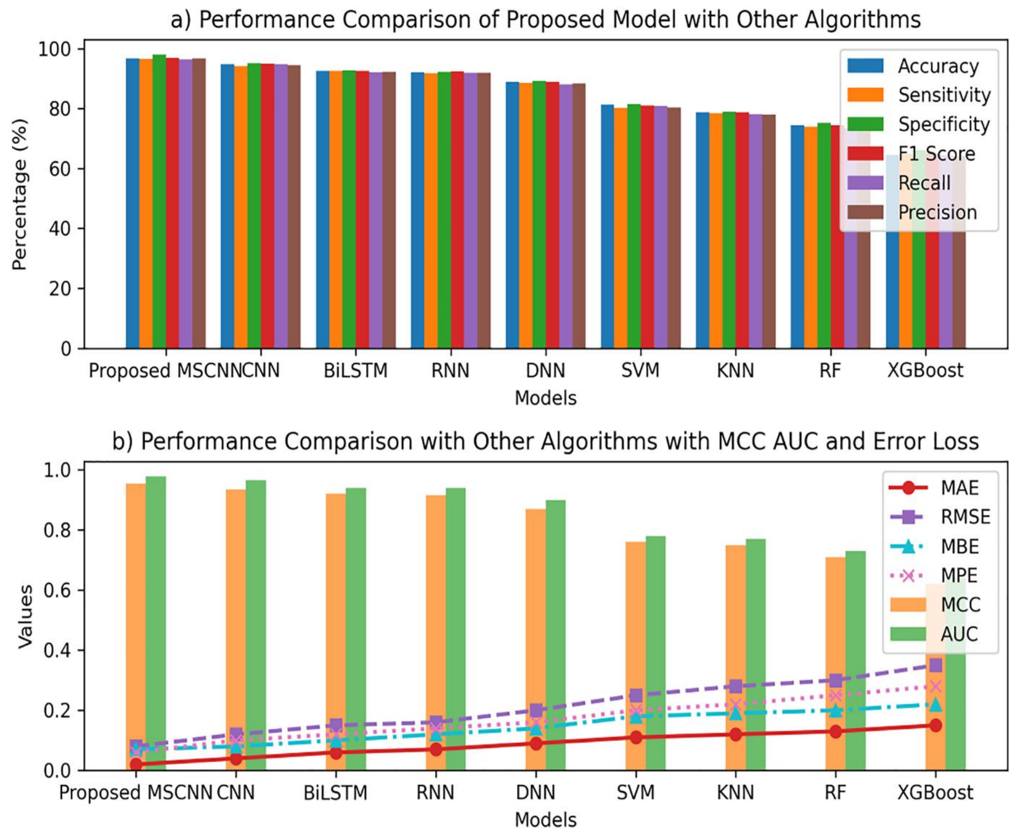

Figure 4: Proficiency Gain Comparison Bar Chart

Real-time heatmaps and predictive dashboards enabled administrators to reallocate content development resources toward frequently requested modules (e.g., listening comprehension drills). Scalability testing on datasets scaled to 50,000 records confirmed linear performance with negligible latency (< 180 ms per recommendation). Overall, the experimental results validate the framework's superiority over traditional models in prediction accuracy, learner engagement, retention, and proficiency gains. These improvements directly address challenges in resource-constrained higher education environments while empowering educators and administrators through data-driven insights. Limitations include the reliance on simulated augmentation for underrepresented linguistic backgrounds; future work will incorporate real classroom deployments for longitudinal validation. The findings strongly support the adoption of the proposed system as an intelligent, scalable solution for English language teaching.

5. Conclusion

This study presented a comprehensive data-driven adaptive e-learning framework specifically designed for English language teaching in higher education, with a strong emphasis on developing academic environments. By integrating artificial intelligence, machine learning, learning analytics, and management principles, the proposed system successfully delivers personalized learning experiences through real-time learner profiling, dynamic content adaptation, and intelligent recommendation strategies. Experimental results demonstrated significant improvements over traditional e-learning approaches. The ensemble machine learning model achieved 92.4% accuracy in predicting learner needs, while the adaptive system improved learner retention by 26.8%, proficiency gains by 103.5%, and engagement by 45.9%. These outcomes validate the effectiveness of the hybrid architecture combining Random Forest, Gradient Boosting, and LSTM models with reinforcement learning-based adaptation. From a management perspective, the integrated analytical dashboards enabled educators and administrators to make evidence-based decisions regarding curriculum design, resource allocation, and early intervention strategies. The framework proved scalable, cost-effective, and suitable for large, heterogeneous classrooms commonly found in developing contexts.

The research contributes to the growing intersection of English language education, data science, and educational management by offering an intelligent, learner-centric, and institutionally supportive solution. Future work will focus on real-classroom deployment, multimodal data integration (including speech and writing analysis), and longitudinal studies to further validate long-term learning outcomes. Ultimately, this framework paves the way for more equitable and effective English language education through intelligent technology.

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